

REPRESENTATIVE STEVE DRIEHAUS POINTS TO NEW JOBS NUMBERS AS A SIGN OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY

WASHINGTON, DC— Representative Steve Driehaus today issued the following statement regarding a report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics that the U.S. economy created 290,000 jobs in the month of April:

“Today’s jobs numbers show that we are on the road to economic recovery. Although we still have a great deal of work to do, we are headed in the right direction. I am encouraged by the economic growth, but I would specifically like to point out that we created 44,000 manufacturing jobs. This sector is critically important to our road to recovery,” said Rep. Driehaus.

Out of the 290,000 jobs created, 231,000 jobs were in the private sector. This growth far exceeded the original estimates of 180,000 new jobs in the month of April. This is the largest increase in four years and is the fourth consecutive month of job growth. The 44,000 manufacturing jobs created in April was the biggest gain in this sector since August 1998. Since the beginning of this year, the economy has created nearly 500,000 jobs.

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